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SHIPPING

ARRIVALS.

July 7. CHINCHING, British str., 799, S. M. Orr, Shanghai 3rd July, General STEENSEN & Co.

July 7. FU-YUN, Chinese str., 920, Croad, Shanghai 3rd July, General C. M. S. N. Co.

July 8. CHINRO, Chinese gunboat, J. Stewart, Swatow 7th July.

July 8. CHINA, German steamer, 648, Ackermann, from Canton, General STEENSEN & Co.

CLEARANCES.

At the Harbour Master's Office.

JULY 8TH.

China, German steamer, for Shanghai.

Chinese Spanish steamer, for Amoy.

Chinese British steamer, for Amoy, & Co.

Bellona, German steamer, for Saigon.

Oto, British brig, for Whampoa.

DEPARTURES.

JULY 8. PINCON, American steamer, for Hoochow, &c.

JULY 8. FOXEN, British str., for Amoy and Tamsui.

JULY 8. ADOIS, French gunb., for Shanghai.

JULY 8. EMU, Spanish steamer, for Amoy.

JULY 8. FU-YUN, Chinese str., for Canton.

JULY 8. CHINCHING, British str., for East Coast.

JULY 8. OTTO, British brig, for Whampoa.

JULY 8. CHINA, German str., for Shanghai.

PASSENGERS.

For Chinkiang, str., from Shanghai—Mrs. Falet and Mr. Finch, and 13 Chinese.

For Puyuan, str., from Shanghai—Mr. Venel, Mr. and Mrs. Preston, and 4 children, and 145 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

For Name, str., for East Coast—Mrs. Lao for Swatow. For Amoy—Mr. William Jeoffre and 250 Chinese.

For Chinkiang, str., for Shanghai—25 Chinese.

For Donya, str., for Amoy—35 Chinese.

To DEPART.

For Musica, str., for Amoy—150 Chinese.

For Bellona, str., for Saigon—70 Chinese.

REPORTS.

The Chinese gunboat Chen-to reports left Swatow on 3rd July, and had light S.E. winds and fine weather.

The Chinese steamship Fu-yen reports left Shanghai on 3rd July at 8 A.M., and had light variable winds from the S.W., and fine weather throughout the passage.

The British steamer Chinkiang reports left Shanghai on 3rd July at 8 A.M., anchored at Gough Island at 9 A.M., and got underway at 9.20 p.m. the same day; anchored at 10 A.M. till 4.30 p.m. on the 4th, doing for incase Boulogne.

For Amoy, str., for Amoy—10.30 A.M. on the 7th. From Shanghai to Tung-tang had light winds and foggy weather; thence to port light Southerly winds and fine weather.

AMOY SHIPPING.

JULY 8. ARRIVALS.

30. Wenchen, British steamer, from Swatow.

1. Nancas, British steamer, from Foochow.

3. Swatow, British steamer, from Swatow.

3. Dougias, British steamer, from Hongkong.

3. Benedictus, German str., from Newchawng.

4. Polk, British steamer, for Hongkong.

1. Dimant, British steamer, for Hongkong.

1. Wanchow, British steamer, for Shanghai.

1. Nancas, British steamer, for Hongkong.

2. Hermann, German bark, for Tientsin.

2. Caroline, German bark, for Tientsin.

SINGAPORE SHIPPING.

JULY 8. ARRIVALS.

24. Beaufort, British steamer, from Sourabaya.

26. Miramar, British steamer, from Glasgow.

26. Galley of Lorne, Brit. str., from Hankow.

27. Macleay, British steamer, from Bangkok.

27. Pyah Peikot, British str., from Poona.

27. Eastern Isles, Brit. str., from Sourabaya.

27. Castle, British steamer, from Labuan.

27. Suez, British steamer, from Bombay.

28. City of America, American bark, from Singapore.

28. Pegusus, Russian cruiser, from Galle.

29. Kongsee, British steamer, from Bangkok.

29. Radnorshire, British str., from Shanghai.

29. Ulysses, British steamer, from Liverpool.

29. Zephise, British str., from Hongkong.

29. Sunda, French steamer, from Saigon.

29. Guyned, British steamer, from Deli.

29. Hatter, British steamer, for Labuan.

29. Glenglass, British str., from Foochow.

29. Carisbrooke, British steamer, from Saigon.

29. Celestial, British str., from Samarang.

29. May Flower, British str., from Malacca.

29. Thibet, Dutch bark, from Tantau.

29. Resident, Dutch bark, from Tantau.

29. Elgin, British steamer, from Samarang.

29. Ruby, British steamer, from Palmeberg.

29. Peacock, British str., from Melaka.

29. Oskar, Dutch steamer, from Deli.

29. Patos, Dutch steamer, from Palembang.

29. Bilton, British steamer, from Pontianak.

29. Durito, British brig, from Petrew.

29. Gooi Goan, British str., from Samarang.

29. Goliah, Siamese bark, from Bangkok.

JULY 8. Hing-hong, British bark, from Bangkok.

1. Ravena, British steamer, from Bombay.

1. Glengall, British str., for New York.

2. Rishkov, British steamer, for Malacca.

2. Bangkok, Siamese steamer, for Bangkok.

2. Louisa III, British steamer, for Malacca.

2. Dora, British bark, for Marilles.

2. Galley of Lorne, British str., for London.

2. Annie, German bark, for Bangkok.

2. Mahabar, British steamer, for Calcutta.

2. Bantam, British steamer, for Singapore.

2. Klang, British steamer, for London.

2. Maribara, British steamer, for Bangkok.

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2. Pyah Peikot, British steamer, for Penang.

2. Union, British steamer, for Colombo.

2. P. Scoparia, Siamese bark, for Bangkok.

VESSELS EXPECTED AT HONGKONG.

(Gordon's List Date.)

Ross Welt, American, April 8.

Carrolls, London, April 8.

Johanna, Hamburg, April 8.

South American, Cardiff, April 10.

Meteor, London, April 16.

Keppler, Cardiff, April 17.

San Joaquin, Antwerp, April 25.

Charter, London, April 25.

Conqueror, London, April 25.

James Bailey, Peckham, May 28.

Post Admiral, Cardiff, May 29.

Duchess, Cardiff, May 30.

Odon, Cardiff, May 31.

Anziose (s.), Marseilles, June 13.

Oxus (s.), Marseilles, June 27.

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Hongkong, 25th May, 1880. [148]

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HONGKONG, JULY 9th, 1880.

From the telegrams and other appearances it would seem that Russia and China are drifting steadily towards a declaration of war. As success would prospect of the maintenance of peace appear to grow fainter and fainter. Preparations on both sides are actively going on, and the Russian fleet in these waters receives constant additions. The Chinese on their part are not idle, but are accumulating war material, strengthening their fortifications, drilling their troops, and recalling their young officers from Europe. The reported defeat of the Russians on the frontiers of Kashgar have been denied at St. Petersburg, but the fact of the fighting has not been contradicted. As we have intimated, however, on a previous occasion, if some skirmishes have taken place between the Russian and Chinese troops, they were probably unauthorised by the authorities on either side, and have no real political significance, being mere skirmishes, doubtful, of no importance. But unless matters soon after the two nations may soon be engaged in hostilities in real earnest. It is evident that little hope is entertained of the success of the Marquis Tasso's mission to St. Petersburg. He has gone thither to ask that the Treaty of Livadia may be cancelled: the Russian semi-official Press have declared that Russia means to insist upon the ratification of that agreement by the Emperor of China. Between the two demands there is the utmost possible antagonism, and the Marquis will prove himself an ordinary diplomatist if he succeeds in persuading the Russian Government to forego the fruits of their astute negotiations of autumn last. But the Russians are not likely to give in; if a concession has to be made to ensure the preservation of peace it will have to come from China, and it is a question for the consideration of the Imperial Council at Peking whether or not it will be expedient to accept the Russian ultimatum. Sir Thomas Wade is reported to have strongly advised Grand Secretary Li Hung-chang to avoid rashly plunging into a conflict with Russia, and Colonel Gordon, who is on his way to Tientsin to see His Excellency, will certainly tender similar counsel. The great Viceroy's own judgment runs in the same direction, we have reason to believe, but he is not free to act upon his own conviction, and has to be ruled by the opinion of the majority of the Council, who are bitterly opposed to the treaty, and are at present determined to refuse its ratification at all costs. If these angry mandarins can be talked over, however, war may be averted, since we may take it for granted that Russia will be content if the one-sided agreement signed by Cunard has been accepted.

We note that the *Shen-pao*, in an article on the situation, translated by the Courier, takes in the main a sensible view of the situation, and shows the folly of expecting outside assistance, and warns the Chinese Government not to build up hopes upon the friendship of England. "It is true," says the *Shen-pao*, "that the English are really on friendly terms with China, and that they have not lost all their hatred for Russia; and therefore if they sent an army to the aid of China, it would be a very convenient way of helping their friends and revenging themselves on their enemies. Still, they certainly will not do so. There has been a change in the Government in England this year. The late Prime Minister, Disraeli, was of a very nervous disposition, and when he was fond of arranging things for them and assisting them. It was when he was in power that the Formosa affair and the Turkish war took place, and therefore he gave his help. But the present Prime Minister is Gladstone, Disraeli's great opponent. Now that he has come into power, he cannot possibly uphold a policy which he formerly so strongly reproached. Moreover, the English are very careful to estimate the urgency and weigh the importance of any national matter. The Formosa affair was very unlike the present one. It was not very grave and not very difficult. They therefore just did what justice required in the interests of peace, and the matter was ended. In the war between Russia and Turkey, they were afraid that the Russians would get possession of the Suez Canal, and stop the road to India. They therefore considered that they were very closely concerned in what was going on, and at whatever risk of incurring enmity, persisted in bringing the two countries to terms." The *Shen-pao* proceeds with some remarks hardly complimentary to England, making out that selfishness is at the bottom of her Eastern policy, and proceeds to ask how it is that Li Hung-chang has not reported to his Government the advice tendered by the British Minister, which our Chinese contemporary considers was offered in a kindly and honest spirit. But there is nothing—so far as we can see—to show that the

Viceroy of Chihli has not reported the result of the interview to the Throne. It is doubtful whether the advice would prove acceptable to Prince Cunard and his supporters, and hence publicity would not be desired for it. Perhaps Colonel Gaoxow, as a military man who once saved the dynasty when it appeared in extremis, may obtain a better hearing, and after a little, more bluster the Peking Government may decide to submit to the Russian demand rather than risk an appeal to arms.

The surveying-vessel Flying Fish left Manila on the 17th June en route to China.

The gunboat *Norfolk*, 4, Lieutenant W. Nowell, will leave here on Monday for Yokohama.

The Brazilian ironclad *Mirim*, 4, Captain Noronha, arrived at Nagasaki on the 20th ultimo from Singapore.

The Brazilian corvette *V. de Oliveira*, Captain J. C. de Noronha, arrived at Nagasaki from the port on the 24th ultimo.

The corvette *Conceição*, 14, Captain J. W. East, has now received a thorough refit, and will leave shortly for the North.

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